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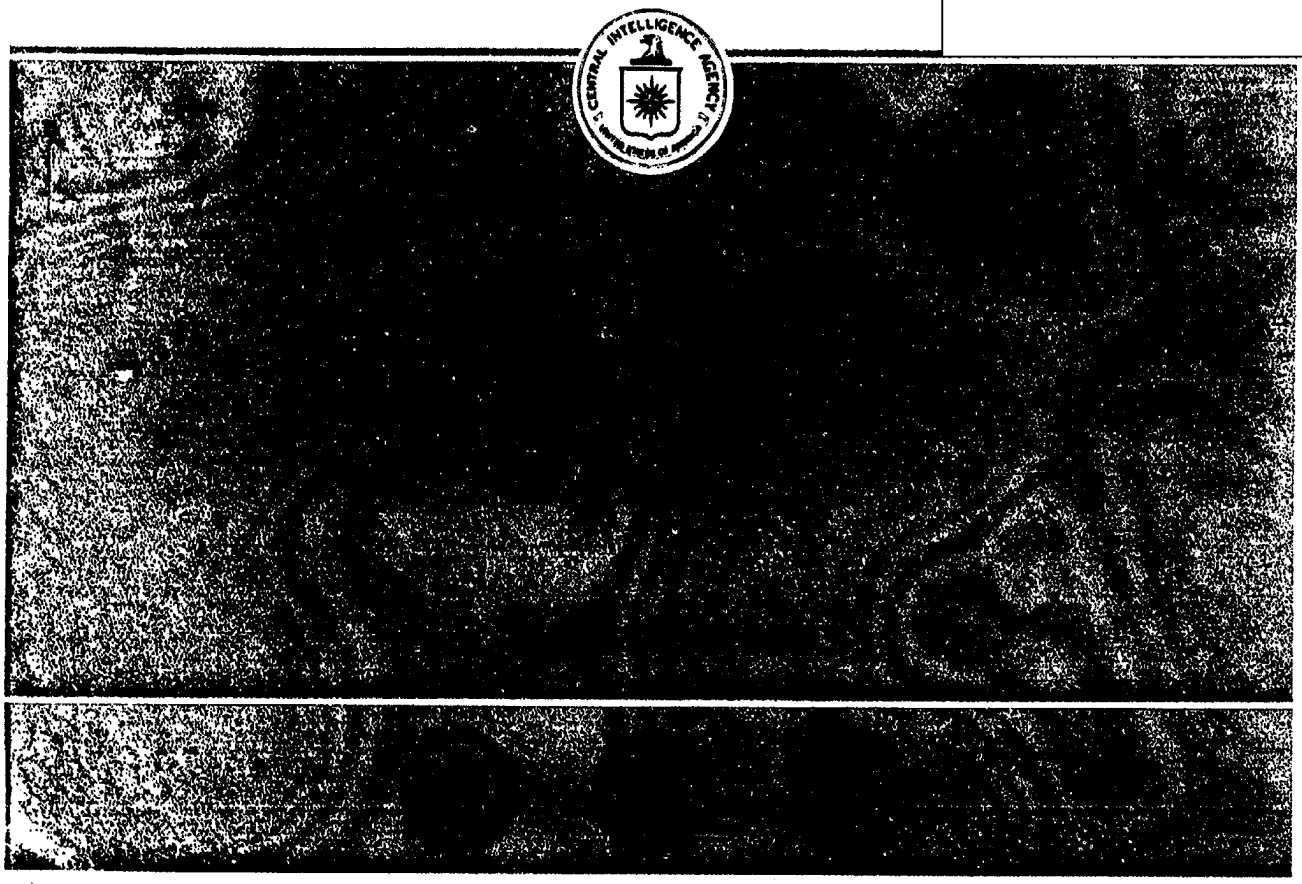

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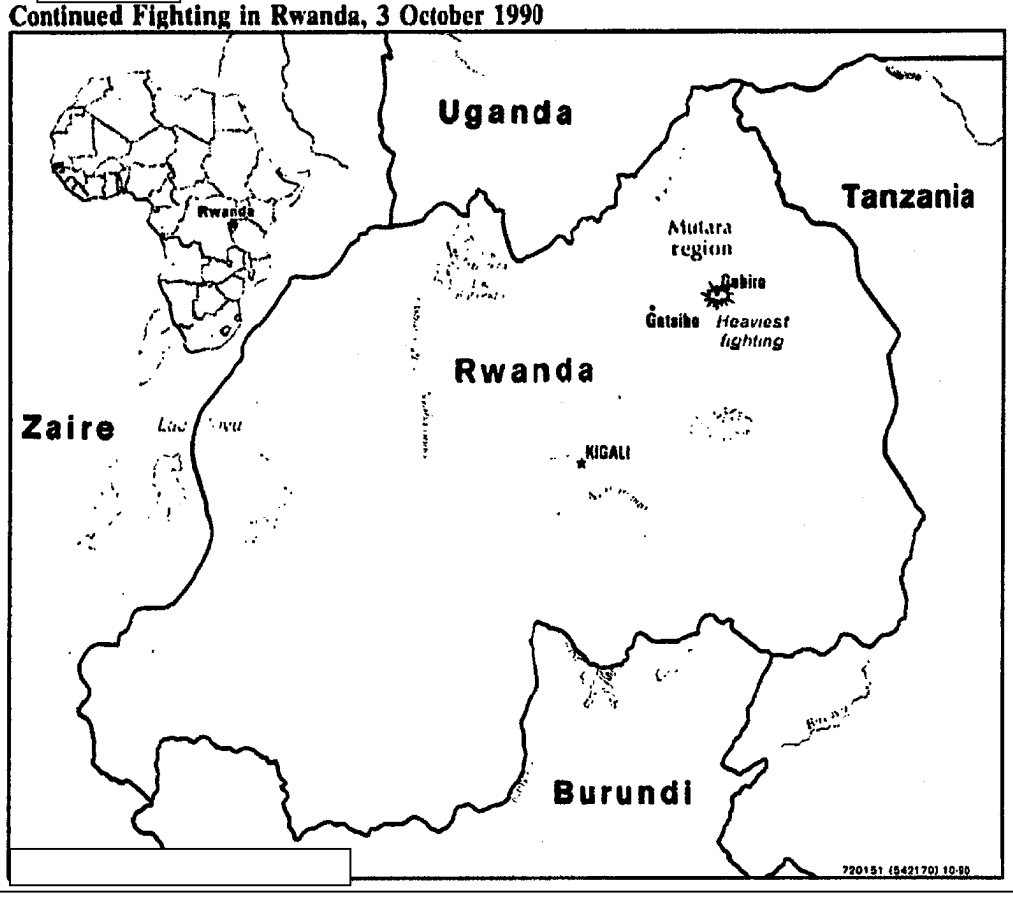

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UGANDA-RWANDA: Responding to Tutsi Invasion

Tutsi exiles, led by renegade Ugandan Army General Rwigyema, continued to fight in Rwanda yesterday, as Kigali and Kampala moved to quash the invasion. the invaders, numbering nearly 1,000, probably are armed with mortars and recoilless cannon taken from Ugandan arsenals. the front has stabilized some 165 kilometers from Kigali by road between Gatsibo and Gabiro. Kigali yesterday set up checkpoints around the capital

Belgium is considering sending troops to assist Rwanda and has a paracommando unit standing by. Uganda has sealed the border, arrested some 100 Tutsi deserters, and pledged that Rwigyema and his men will be arrested if they reenter Uganda.

Comment: Fighting may be prolonged. The invaders are unlikely to reach Kigali, Rwigyema's stated goal, without additional troops and supplies; Rwandan forces probably cannot defeat the exiles without external assistance. Belgium is likely to commit its troops. Dealing with the invasion and the resulting ethnic hostility will test President Habyarimana's beleaguered regime and may tempt disaffected elements within the Rwandan military to move against him.